Phila Nov 5th
1863.

My dear Garrison:

112 I enclosed a letter I was just about making to Leicester, but it occurs to me that the lady for whom it is intended might possibly in Boston attending a Board meeting, & have concluded to send it under cover & enclosed to you. I enclosed because a part of it is on a subject — that of the "decade" — that concerns you as much as it does him. Please read it & then hand it in the

way of reaching it original destination.

I am glad to hear that we dont want a Lecture Meeting. We are all of the opinion that an Evening should be - at the meeting of - last - hurry a "Pleasant Evening flow of spirit" We shall find time between time & afterwards for social greetings & familiar intercourse.

The invitations we have proposed - to Lady men distinguished for their advocacy of this cause - we dont ~~understand to be~~ invitations to speak; but rather invita-

him of courtesy, leaving
them accept them to speak
or not- as they may be
moved & may find opportu-
nity.

We dont insist- as in-
deed my Lewis Jackson, and
even wanted him to leave
it. He - Leavitt - was
not- a member of the
original convention - He
was of- that time I
believe Editor of the
N.Y. Evangelist

I am glad you are
intending to invite - Your-
self - to John S. Mattison.
It is meet & right that you
should do so. I invited
him ten years ago &

was rebuked for my haing *.
My mystification was of
course afterwards
explained & I have had to write
to Whitten that my ac-
tion was without the ap-
proval of members of the
American Board.

We are looking forward
with much pleasure to
your visit to us. We shall
keep place in our house
for you & your company, and
for Mr May & his

I trust you are all
well. We hear that Wendell
is about making a start
in the returning way; is
it so?

Ever Yours
D. C. McGilvary

* Mr Whitten's mystification was in his having written to the Rev Secretaries of the American Board that Mr McGilvary had been rebuked for his action in Feby. in the Mission Meeting, when in fact he had been commended.